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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claims: 1,2

LGA socket contact with the elastic contact part which extends via a bent part from a side wall of the base plate part

2. Claims: 3,4

LGA socket contact with a slit in the centre of the plate part

The common concept linking together the two inventions of the present application is

a land grid array (LGA) socket contact comprising a base plate part, in which anchoring projection are formed on the side walls, an elastic contact part which has a contact part on its tip end for contacting a contact pad of an integrated circuit (IC) package with a curved surface, said socket contact further comprising a board connecting part which extends from a lower end of the base plate part, and which is connectable by soldering to a circuit board.

This common concept is not novel because it is disclosed in document D1 cited in the Search Report (see, for example, fig. 6).

There is furthermore no technical relationship among the inventions of the present application involving one or more corresponding special technical features, according to Rule 30 EPC.

Hence the Examining Division considers that the following separate inventions or groups of inventions are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept.



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The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

- ☐ Only part of the claims have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid, namely claim(s):
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